

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 25-39 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended, without prejudice to pursue the original claims in a related application. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 21 and 25-33 have been allowed. In response, Applicant formally recognizes the allowance of these claims.

Rejection of Independent Claims 1 & 11 under 35 USC §103(a) as Unpatentable over Torihara (US 6,609,807) in view of Suzuki (US 2001-0036068):

In response, Applicant asserts that independent claims 1 and 11, as amended herein, recite the following limitations not disclosed or even suggested by Torihara and Suzuki:

wherein the light reflecting member includes a chamfer disposed at an edge where a virtual line passing through centers of the two lamps meets the light reflecting member, whereby the chamfer reflects the light generated by the lamps toward the light incident face.

In page 3, the Final Office Action mailed May, 12, 2008 concedes that Torihara fails to disclose the light reflecting member 4 including a chamfer disposed at an edge enhancing the reflection efficiency at a corner of the light reflecting member. The Final Office Action purports that the ancillary Suzuki reference discloses, in Fig. 2, a chamfer (shown but not labeled) located at an edge of the reflecting member 8 for better reflection of the light toward the incident face of a light guide 11 and enhancing the reflection efficiency at a corner of the reflecting member. However, Applicant respectfully disagrees and asserts that Suzuki fails to disclose each and every limitation of claims 1 and 11, as amended.

In particular, Suzuki fails to disclose or even suggest the limitation of, “wherein the light reflecting member includes a chamfer disposed at an edge where a virtual line passing through centers of the two lamps meets the light reflecting member,” as recited in amended claims 1 and 11. Moreover, Suzuki fails to disclose or even suggest the relationship between the position of the chamfer and the lamp, “whereby the chamfer reflects the light generated by the lamps toward the light incident face,” as recited in amended claims 1 and 11.

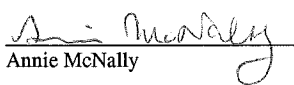
Therefore, since the cited Torihara reference fails to disclose each and every limitation of amended claims 1 and 11, and the cited ancillary Suzuki reference fails to remedy the deficiencies of Torihara, these claims as amended are considered to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-10, 12-20 and 34-39 are considered to be in condition for allowance for at least their respective dependence on independent claims 1 and 11, and such allowance is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in proper form for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested and a timely Notice of Allowance is solicited.

If there are any questions regarding any aspect of the application, please call the undersigned at (949) 752-7040.

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